

APPROXIMATE DURATION OF DETECTABILITY OF SELECTED DRUGS IN URINE

<u>Substance</u>	<u>Duration of Detectability*</u>
Amphetamine	48 hours
Methamphetamine	48 hours
Barbituates	
Short Acting	24 hours
Intermediate Acting	48 - 72 hours
Long Acting	7 days or more
Benzodiazapines	3 days (therapeutic dose)
Cocaine Metabolites	2 - 3 days
Methadone	3 days (approximate)
Codeine/Morphine	48 hours
Propoxyphene/ Norpropoxyphene	6 - 48 hours
Cannabinoids (marijuana)	
Single use	3 days
Moderate use (4 x a week)	4 days
Heavy use (daily)	10 days
Chronic heavy use	21 - 27 days
Methaqualone	7 days or more
Phencyclidine (PCP)	8 days (approximate)

SOURCE: Journal of the American Medical Association's Council on Scientific Affairs (1987,99, 3,112).

* Interpretation of the duration of detectability must take into account many variables, such as drug metabolism and half life, subjects physical condition, fluid balance and state of hydration, and route and frequency of ingestion. These are general guidelines only.